



## PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EXECUTIVE ASSIGNMENT EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

California State Government supports equal opportunity to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, sexual orientation, medical condition or pregnancy. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	Thursday, October 29, 2009
<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	Special Counsel	<b>FINAL FILING DATE:</b>	Thursday, November 12, 2009
<b>CEA LEVEL:</b>	CEA 2	<b>EXTENDED FINAL FILING DATE:</b>	
<b>SALARY RANGE:</b>	\$ 7,815.00 - \$ 8,616.00 / Month	<b>BULLETIN ID:</b>	10282009_1

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

\*\*\*PENDING SPB APPROVAL\*\*\* Note: A higher salary may be granted upon appointment

The Special Counsel will provide Department of Personnel Administration's (DPA) Director, the Chief Counsel, Deputy Chief Counsel, and the Governor's Office with legal counsel regarding the development, coordination and planning of statewide administrative policies and litigation strategies on matters of critical importance to the Administration, DPA and the State. In particular, this position will assist in the development, coordination and planning of policies impacting the State workforce.

This position will provide critical legal counsel to executive and policy level members of the Administration, including the Governor's Office of Legal Affairs, concerning matters arising under federal (e.g., the Fair Labor Standards Act) and State law (e.g., provisions of the California Labor Code), collective bargaining laws (Dills Act), and existing civil service laws and rules.

The Special Counsel will also assist in the development and review of Executive Orders and Proclamations necessary to effectuate Administration policies as they impact the State workforce and collective bargaining; serve as a special litigation counsel on both civil and administrative litigation impacting said policies and is lead counsel over a special "litigation team" consisting of attorneys and legal support staff.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must meet the following minimum qualifications:

#### Either I

Must be a State civil service employee with permanent civil service status or who previously had permanent status in the State civil service.

**Or II**

Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature, with two or more consecutive years as defined in Government code § 18990.

**Or III**

Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch with two or more consecutive years (excluding those positions for which salaries are set by statute) as defined in Government Code § 18992.

**Or IV**

Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Member of the State Bar of California

**KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

Applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform high administrative and policy – influencing functions effectively. Such overall ability requires possession of most of the following more specific knowledge and abilities:

(1) Knowledge of the organization and functions of California State Government including the organization and practices of the Legislature and the Executive Branch; principles, practices, and trends of public administration, organization, and management; techniques of organizing and motivating groups; program development and evaluation; methods of administrative problem solving; principles and practices of policy formulation and development; and personnel management techniques; the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity Program objectives; and a manager's role in the Equal Employment Opportunity Program.

(2) Ability to plan, organize, and direct the work of multidisciplinary professional and administrative staff; analyze administrative policies, organization, procedures and practices; integrate the activities of a diverse program to attain common goals; gain the confidence and support of top level administrators and advise them on a wide range of administrative matters; develop cooperative working relationships with representatives of all levels of government, the public, and the Legislature and Executive branches; analyze complex problems and recommend effective courses of action; and prepare and review reports; and effectively contribute to the department's or agency's Equal Employment Opportunity objectives.

These knowledge and abilities are expected to be obtained from the following kinds of experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation and/or evaluation of program policies (experience may have been paid or volunteer; in State service, other government settings, or in a private organization):

**CEA Level 1.** Supervisory/administrative experience in a line or staff activity, including the execution and/or evaluation of program policies.

**CEA Levels 2 and 3.** Broad administrative or program manager experience with substantial participation in the formulation, operation, and/or evaluation of program policies.

**CEA Levels 4 and 5.** Extensive managerial and program administrative experience which has included substantial responsibility for a combination of management functions such as program planning; policy formulation; organization coordination and control; and fiscal and personnel management. Where high technical professional qualifications are of primary importance in performing the duties of a given CEA position, then the above required experience may have been in a staff capacity exercising professional skills to influence and contribute to program, policy, and methods of providing those professional services. Primary examples are medical doctors and attorneys.

### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

A minimum rating of 70% must be attained to obtain list eligibility. Hiring interviews may be conducted with the most qualified candidates. All candidates will receive written notification of their examination results. The result of this examination will be used only to fill the position of **Special Counsel**, with the **PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF**. Applications will be retained for twelve months.

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### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Interested applicants must submit:**

- A completed Standard State Application (Form 678).

#### **Applications must be submitted by the final filing date to:**

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF, Human Resources  
1515 S Street, North Bldg., Ste 400, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Evie Walker | 916-322-5714 | [eviewalker@dpa.ca.gov](mailto:eviewalker@dpa.ca.gov)

### **SPECIAL TESTING**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements, mark the appropriate box in Part 2 of the "Examination Application." You will be contacted to make specific arrangements.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you meet the requirements stated in this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be compared with the performance of others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others.

**Class specs:** <http://www.dpa.ca.gov/textdocs/specs/s7/s7500.txt>